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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned patent application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (New) A signal transmission unit, comprising:

a signal transmitter transmitting a baseband video signal having a decoded video signal and transmitting information specifying video format of a video signal before the decoded video signal is decoded.

- 16. (New) A signal transmission unit, comprising:
- a signal transmitter transmitting a baseband video signal having a decoded video signal and transmitting information specifying video format by which the video signal is encoded.
- 17. (New) The signal transmission unit according to claim 15, wherein the information is transmitted in a blank period of the baseband video signal.
- 18. (New) The signal transmission unit according to claim 16, wherein the information is transmitted in a blank period of the baseband video signal.
- 19. (New) A signal transmission method, comprising:
 transmitting a baseband video signal having a decoded video signal; and
 transmitting information specifying video format of a video signal before the
 decoded video signal is decoded.
 - 20. (New) A signal transmission method, comprising: transmitting a baseband video signal having a decoded video signal; and

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transmitting information specifying video format by which the video signal is encoded.

- 21. (New) The signal transmission method according to claim 19, wherein the information transmitted in a blank period of the baseband video signal.
- 22. (New) The signal transmission method according to claim 20, wherein the information transmitted in a blank period of the baseband video signal.
- 23. (New) A signal transmission apparatus, comprising a signal transmitter operable to transmit a baseband video signal having a decoded video signal and operable to transmit information specifying a picture decoding method of a predetermined standard used to decode a video signal before the decoded video signal is decoded.
 - 24. (New) A signal transmission apparatus, comprising:

a signal transmitter operable to transmit a baseband video signal having a decoded video signal and operable to transmit information specifying a picture encoding method of a predetermined standard used to encode a video signal to the decoded video signal.

25. (New) A signal receiving apparatus, comprising:

a receiver operable to receive a baseband video signal having a decoded picture and operable to receive information specifying a picture decoding method of a predetermined standard used to decode a picture before the decoded picture is decoded; and

a controller operable to control quality of the decoded video signal by each picture, using the information.

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26. (New) A signal receiving apparatus, comprising:

a receiver operable to receive a baseband video signal having a decoded picture and operable to receive information specifying a picture encoding method of a predetermined standard used to encode a picture; and

a controller operable to control quality of each decoded picture, using the information.

- 27. (New) The signal receiving apparatus according to claim 25, wherein noise elimination is preformed for each picture by the controller.
- 28. (New) The signal receiving apparatus according to claim 26, wherein noise elimination is preformed for each picture by the controller.
- 29. (New) The signal transmission apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the predetermined statndard is MPEG standard and the picture encoding method is discriminated by I, P, and B pictures.
- 30. (New) The signal transmission apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the predetermined statndard is MPEG standard and the picture encoding method is discriminated by I, P, and B pictures.
- 31. (New) The signal transmission apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the predetermined standard is MPEG standard and the picture decoding method is discriminated by I, P, and B pictures.
- 32. (New) The signal transmission apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the predetermined standard is MPEG standard and the picture decoding method is discriminated by I, P, and B pictures.